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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7236

BILL NUMBER: HB 2096

DATE PREPARED: Jan 20, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Licensing of Occupational Therapists.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X

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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires occupational therapists to be licensed. This bill also excludes other health care professionals and occupational therapy students from the licensure requirements. The bill amends the definition of "occupational therapy". It requires the Medical Licensing Board to adopt rules concerning continuing education for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants. The bill allows an occupational therapist to perform certain therapies and services. The bill also provides procedures for the adoption of continuing education rules.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Health Professions Bureau reports that as of January 19, 2001, 2,008 occupational therapists and 581 occupational therapy assistants would be affected by the bill. The Bureau indicates additional expenditures would be required in order to implement the bill's provisions. The expenditures are listed in the following table:

Expense	Amount
Per Diem	\$750
Travel	\$1,914
Postage	\$5,259
Printing/Copying	\$5,188
New Pocket Cards	\$491
New Wall Licenses	\$2,600
Telephone	\$3,200
Supplies	\$1,000
Total	\$20,402

The Occupational Therapy Committee would also be required to submit a continuing education rule recommendation to the Medical Licensing Board. The process may increase expenditures if additional Committee meetings were required beyond the normal scope of business in order to develop rule recommendations.

Explanation of State Revenues: Revenues collected from fees may be affected by an insignificant amount with the transfer of certification to licensure regarding occupational therapists. In FY 2000 the Health Professions Bureau collected \$12,941 in fees relating to occupational therapy. All fees collected concerning occupational therapy are distributed to the General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Health Professions Bureau; Occupational Therapy Committee; Medical Licensing Board.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Barb McNutt, Staff Counsel, Health Professions Bureau, (317) 233-4406; Office of the Auditor of State.